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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding non-final Office Action dated December 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method of processing information in a receiver of a digital communication system, the method comprising the step of:

applying a signal processing operation to a sequence of transmitted symbols, wherein the transmitted symbols correspond to points in a first modulation constellation, the first modulation constellation corresponds to a rotated version of a second modulation constellation, and each of the transmitted symbols represents a particular number of information bits;

the signal processing operation utilizing at least one selector to compute a product of a channel estimate and a given one of the transmitted symbols;



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Box Non-Fee Amendment

Sir:

Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Amendment and Response to Office Action.

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the Amendment. In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit **Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error.

Respectfully submitted,

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